

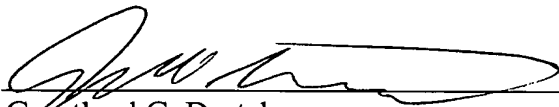
**REMARKS**

The applicants have amended the claims to remove multiple dependencies and otherwise bring the claims into conformance with U.S. practice. It is believed that the scope of the claims has not been altered.

Prompt entry of this amendment prior to examination is respectfully requested. If there are any questions or comments regarding this Amendment or application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney as indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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